

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Sage Telecom Communications, LLC d/b/a Sage Telecom (“Sage LLC”) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange telecommunications service throughout South Carolina. In addition, Sage LLC requests that its interexchange business services, consumer card services, operator services, and private line services be

subject to alternative regulation, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-585 (Supp. 2012), as was first granted by the Commission in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 issued in Docket No. 95-661-C as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C. Sage LLC also requests flexible regulation for its local exchange telecommunications services as the Commission granted in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C and certain waivers of the Commission's regulations.

Along with these requests, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-9-280 and 58-9-310, Sage LLC and Sage Telecom, Inc. ("Sage Inc.") (collectively "Joint Applicants") seek approval of a *pro forma* internal structural change, whereby all of Sage Inc.'s assets, including its authority to operate in South Carolina as approved by Order No. 2008-4 (January 11, 2008) in Docket No. 2007-337-C, will be assigned to Sage LLC. According to the Application, the proposed transaction will not involve any change in (a) the ultimate ownership of Joint Applicants, (b) the current management or key personnel of the company, or (c) the rates, terms, or conditions or service to be provided to customers. As such, Joint Applicants assert that the proposal will not adversely affect South Carolina customers. Last, Joint Applicants have filed a Motion for Expedited Review.

The Application states TSC Acquisition Corporation ("TSC") is the corporate parent of the Joint Applicants. TSC is a Delaware corporation headquartered in Los Angeles, California. Through its operating subsidiaries, Telscape Communications, Inc. and Sage Inc., TSC provides communications services in Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, and Texas.

Sage Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas. Sage Inc. is authorized to provide resold and facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange services, by virtue of authority issued by the Commission in Docket No. 2007-337-C, Order No. 2008-4, dated January 11, 2008.

Sage Telecom Communications, LLC (“Sage LLC”) is a recently-formed limited liability company created for the special purpose of acquiring the assets of Sage Inc. Both Sage Inc. and Sage LLC are subsidiaries of TSC. Sage LLC will continue to market its services using the name “Sage Telecom.” They are commonly owned and controlled by the same management team.

After review of this matter, we grant the Motion for Expedited Review and waive the hearing scheduled for August 19, 2013. That hearing is now cancelled. Further, based on the verified testimony of Joseph P. Holop, we approve the Application of Sage LLC to provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services and for Alternative and Flexible Regulation. Sage LLC seeks the same authority to provide telecommunications services that Sage Inc. currently has in South Carolina, and since Sage Inc. will be entirely subsumed by Sage LLC, Sage Inc.’s Certificate to provide those services is no longer needed and therefore cancelled. Last, we approve the *pro forma* reorganization and assignment of assets as requested, resulting in Sage LLC becoming the surviving entity.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikiya Hall, Vice Chairman

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